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documents is enclosed herewith.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
PCT	WO 92/13901	August 20, 1992
JP	JP 06-510548	November 24, 1994
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PCT	WO 97/46631	December 11, 1997
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3),
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(1) International PCT publication WO 92/13901,
which corresponds to Japanese Laid-Open Publication No.
JP 06-510548;

(2) an English language abstract for JP 09-208924
(Patent Abstracts of Japan); and

(3) an English language abstract for JP 10-163135
(Patent Abstracts of Japan).

Some of the documents listed above were cited in an
International Search Report that issued in connection with
International PCT application PCT/JP99/04662, which is the
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